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Oahu North Spouse Information Meeting (SIM)

Our mission is to provide sustainable installation support and services for Soldiers, Families, and the military community that meets current and future mission requirements, promotes community well-being and enhances the natural environment

We are the Army's Home



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Agenda

- Opening Remarks (USAG-HI Commander / Senior Spouse)
- Spotlight Brief – Taxes (SJA)
- Spotlight Brief – CDC FAQs (DFMWR)
- One Item of Interest to All (Service Providers)
- North SIM Topic Annual Planner (Facilitator)
- Closing Remarks (USAG-HI Commander / Senior Spouse)



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Spotlight Brief

Taxes (SJA)



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USARPAC & USAG- HI Tax Center

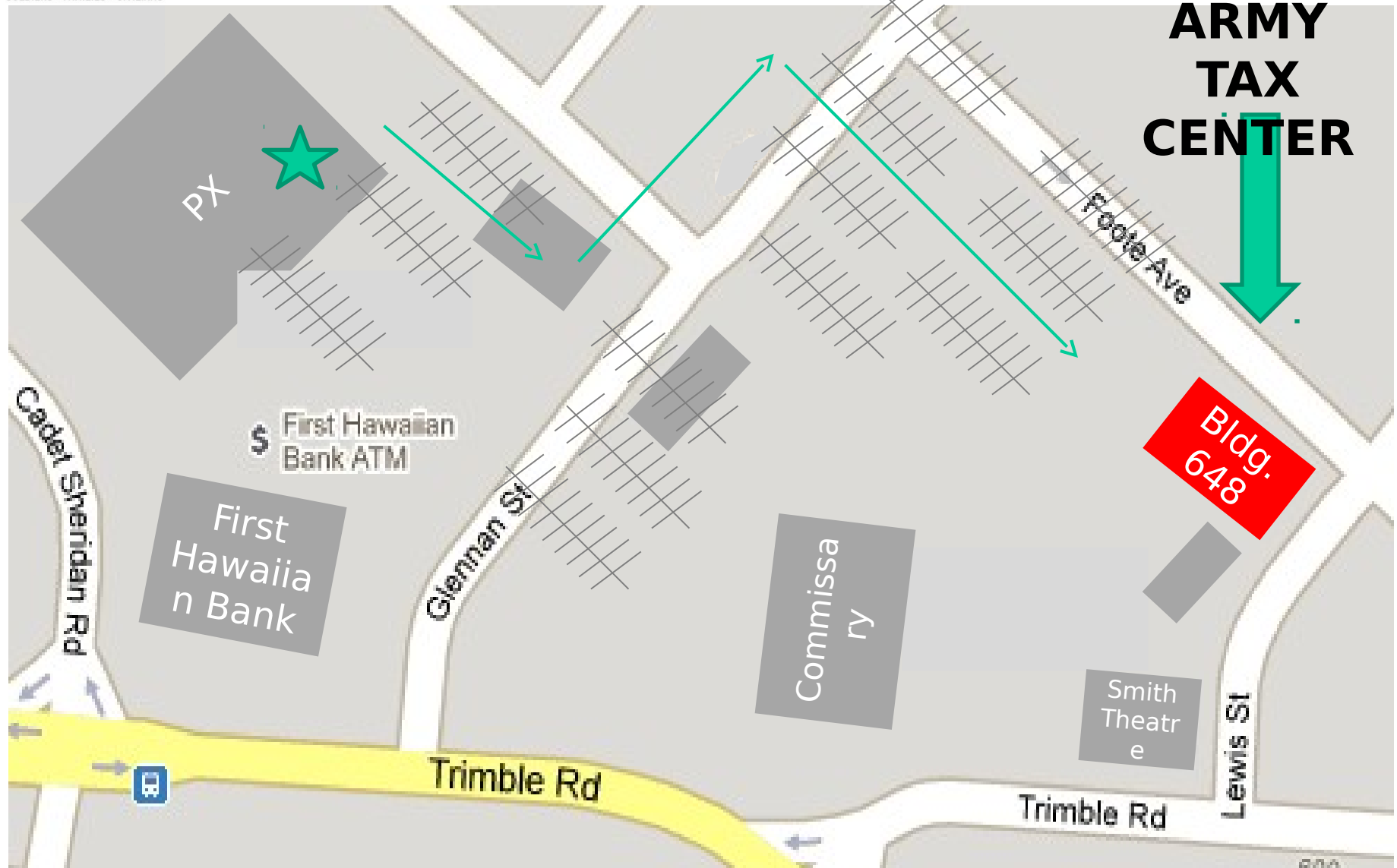




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DIRECTIONS FROM SCHOFIELD BARRACKS PX TO SCHOFIELD TAX CENTER





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HOURS OF OPERATION

- Schofield Tax Center Opened on 28 JAN 2013. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday 0700-1700 by appointment only. Our last appointment is taken at 1600.
- Fort Shafter Tax Center opened on 29 JAN 2013 in the Aloha Center. Our ours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays 0900-1600 by appointment only. Our last appointment is taken at 1500.
- Call (808) 655-1040 for an appointment! If you are unable to get through, please leave a message and we will return your call.



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Items Required To Prepare Your Return

- 1.) Military IDs
- 2.) Copies of Social Security Cards, or a DD Form 1172 that lists Social Security Numbers, or a valid Government ID that shows the SSN for EVERY person on the return. If you do not have any of the above documents, there is a Social Security Administration Office in Kapolei: 563 Farrington Hwy #201 (800) 772-1213
- 4.) All tax related documents: W2s, income statements, interest statements, child care documentation, tuition statements, etc. If you anticipate receiving tax documents, please schedule your appointment after they arrive.
- 5.) A voided check or your account number and routing number
- 6.) If married filing jointly, we need signatures from BOTH spouses or a Power of Attorney that specifically references your power to file taxes
- 7.) If married filing separately, we need your spouse's SSN but not his or her ID or Social Security Card



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Tax Issues Beyond Our Scope

- 1.) sale of rental property
- 2.) more than 2 rental properties
- 3.) home business income (with the exception of in-home child care provided you did not take a loss and your profits were under \$10K)
- 4.) independent contractor income
- 5.) self employment income
- 4.) Schedule K-1



2012 Tax Changes

- First time homebuyer credit, which was extended to military in 2011, is expired
- Earned income credit increased:
 - \$5,891 with three or more qualifying children
 - \$5,236 with two qualifying children
 - \$3,169 with one qualifying child
 - \$475 with no qualifying child
- New standard deduction rates:
 - \$11,900 – Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er)
 - \$8,700 – Head of Household
 - \$5,950 – Single or Married Filing Separately



Child & Dependent Care Credit

- You must pay child and dependent care expenses so you (& your spouse if filing jointly) can work or look for work
- Volunteer work does not count
- Cost of a babysitter for dinner with spouse does not count
- Exception for temporary absences from work of 2 weeks or less
- MUST bring care providers SSN and EFIN to tax center
- Qualified expenses
 - Primary function is to assure well-being and protection
 - Day care (in or out of home)
 - Household services
 - Camps (day camp counts/overnight camp does not count)
 - Transportation generally does not count



COMBAT PAY EXCLUSION Whose income may be excluded?

- Military members deployed to a combat zone
- Military members deployed “in direct support” of a combat zone
- Military members deployed to a qualified hazardous duty area
- Military members deployed “in direct support” of a qualified hazardous duty area



Filing Extensions For Deployed Servicemembers

Who is eligible for a filing extension?

- Military members deployed to a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area
- Spouses
- Civilians in support of Armed Forces deployed to a CZ or QHDA



How long is the extension?

180 days after the Servicemember returns from the combat zone

PLUS the number of days remaining in the tax filing season when the Servicemember departed



Example

- Soldier deploys on February 1, 2012. The filing deadline is on April 15, 2012. Soldier returns home on May 1, 2012. When must the Soldier file his 2011 return?
- 254 days from the date s/he leaves the combat zone
- $254 = 180 \text{ days} + 74 \text{ days remaining in the filing season when he entered the combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area.}$
 - 1 Feb through 15 April = 74 days
 - Servicemember has $180 + 74$ days to get tax return filed



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Filing Deadline

APRIL 17, 2013

Normally April 15 but this year it has been
extended



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CDC FAQs (DFMWR)



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One Item of Interest to All (Service Providers)

1 Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation	12 Directorate of Emergency Services
2 Army Community Service	13 Family Housing (DPW)
3 Child, Youth, and School Services	14 Island Palm Communities
4 Army Family Action Plan	15 Schofield Barracks Health Clinic
5 Army Family Team Building	16 Solider Family Assistant Center
6 Exceptional Family Member Program	17 Fisher House
7 School Liaison Office	18 TriWest
8 Hui O' Wahine	19 Religious Support
9 FRG/ Op Ready Programs	20 Exchange
10 Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator	21 Commissary
11 Armed Services YMCA WAAF	22 Red Cross



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North SIM Topic Annual Planner

7 JANUARY	4 FEBRUARY	4 MARCH
Spotlight: SLO: Academic Testing /Scholarships (ie, VFW)/Hui`O Na Wahine Spotlight: DES: Crime; current service & support	SIM Spotlight: Tax (new regulations; website, training) SIM Spotlight: CDC (FAQ) TLM: VMIS	SIM Spotlight: Summer Programs SIM Spotlight: Pre-PCS TLM: TBD
1 APRIL	6 MAY	3 JUNE
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JULY	5 AUGUST	3 SEPTEMBER
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7 OCTOBER	4 NOVEMBER	2 DECEMBER
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Family and MWR

February Community Programs

- February 1 Valentine's Day Special @ Outdoor Recreation Center
- February 1 Valentine's Day workshops @ Arts and Crafts Center
- February 2 Ladies Golf Clinic @ Leilehua Golf Course
- February 3 Big Game Viewing @ Kolekole Bar & Grill (all ages)
- and Tropics Warrior Zone (18+)
- February 6 After School- Happy Valentine's Day @ SGT Yano
- Library
- February 8 Right Arm Night- Mardi Gras Madness @ Hale Ikena

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Family and MWR February Community Programs

February 14 Valentine's Dinner @ Kolekole Bar & Grill or
Mulligan's Bar & Grill

February 19 Funfest and Leisure Travel Services FRG Fundraising
Opportunity Information Meeting @ Schofield
Barracks Arts & Crafts Center

February 22 USARPAC Pay Day Scramble @ Nagorski Golf Course

February 22 Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet @ Kolekole Bar & Grill
and Mulligan's Bar & Grill

February 23 Gary Sinise and the Lt Dan Band Concert @ Weyand
Field

February 28 Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday @ Army Hawaii
Libraries

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NEW February Activities

NEW! Whale Watching Cruises @ Leisure Travel Services, 655-9971 or 438-1985

NEW! Weekly Preschool Story Time @ SGT Yano Library, 655-4707

NEW! Military Special @ Wheeler Bowling Center, 656-1745

NEW! Auto Body & Paint Service @ Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center, 655-9868

NEW! Mechanic for Hire Service @ Fort Shafter Auto Skills , 438-9402

NEW! Cosmic Bowling w/ DJ Derek Walker @ Fort Shafter Bowling Center, 438-6733

BLUE STAR CARD - SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

NEW! Army Hawaii Indoor Soccer Tournament @ Martinez PFC, 655-0850
February 26 Pampered Night- ACS Training Center

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